करने के आदेश में डी०बी०सी० का भी जिक्र होता है तो दूसरा सिलिंडर दिया जाता है । यदि जारी करने के आदेश में केवल एक सिलिंडर के लिय कहा जाता है तो भी अनुरोध किये जाने पर दूसरा सिलिंडर दिया जाता है बशर्ते कि उपभोक्ता सुविधा उपलब्ध हो ।

**Hike in caustic soda price**

1381. DR. NAREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp hike in caustic soda price;

(b) if so, whether it will upset the economy of paper industry; and

(c) if so, what are the measures proposed to check this price hike?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) As per available information, there has been an increase in the ex-factory price of Caustic Soda by Rs. 200|- per tonne effective from 1-9-1988. This increase in price constitutes only 3.4 per cent increase in the ex-factory price. As the increase in price is not very high, it will not upset the economy of the paper industry.

**Categorisation of Polymix-in-B-Sulphate**

1382. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3749 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are hardly 10 packs of formulations based on Polymixin-B-Sulphate, providone Inoine and Flucinolone Acetonide;

(b) when were the prices of these formulations fixed under DPCO, 1979, what were the prices fixed, what is the present price of each and what is the percentage increase in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that the import of Polymixin-B-Sulphate and Flucinolone Acetonide are more than Rs. 50 lacs each per annum at landed cost; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for keeping these drugs out of price control as none of the exclusion criteria is fulfilled by any of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Various manufacturers are marketing formulations based on referred drugs.

(c) and (d) The referred drugs were excluded from price control under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, as recommended by Kelkar Committee.

**Import price of Rifampicin**

1383. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question 3296 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the basis on which the Ministry came to the conclusion that no instance of over invoicing in respect of Rifampicin has come to the notice of Government;

(b) when was the matter investigated and what are the details of findings;

(c) whether it is a fact that purchases of intermediates are made by the producers of Rifampicin from shippers;

(d) if so, what are the details of imports of intermediates during the last two years alongwith the CIF price and source of import;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is aware of import prices of

Rifampicin as all imports are made after registration of contract with his Ministry which give the import price; and

(f) if so, what was the import price of Rifampicin given in contract in 1987 and 1988?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAI): (a) to (d): The allegation of overinvoicing of imported intermediates of Rifampicin has been referred to the Ministry of Finance for investigation.

(e) to (f) In the current Import and Export Policy (April 1988—March 1991) Rifampicin has been put in Appendix 3, part A i.e. list of Limited Permissible Items.

**Leader pack prices of Rifampicin**

1384. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of Rifampicin based on which the prices of three leader packs of Rifampicin plus INH have been notified in August 1988;

(b) what were the prices at which these three packs were being sold by the different companies before the notified prices and since when they were sold;

(c) what are the number of packs sold by each company at high prices upto August, 1988.

(d) what are the reasons that the concerned companies were not issued show cause notices;

(e) whether his Ministry fixed the prices of other packs of other combinations of Rifampicin;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has reduced the price of Rifampicin; and

(h) if so, when and what is the present price?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The notified price of Rs. 3000/- Kgs for bulk drug Rifampicin was taken into consideration while notifying the prices referred to in the question.

(b) Various companies are marketing the concerned formulations packs. The details of prices charged by them from time to time are not available.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

(e) and (f) The prices of all combination packs of Rifampicin have been fixed under DPCO, 1987.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) A price of Rs. 2500/- kg has been notified for Rifampicin bulk drug under DPCO, 1987 on 28th September, 1988.

**Representations for inclusion of drugs under category-II**

1385. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3235 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the details of the drugs for which representations were received by his Ministry for inclusion under Category-II.

(b) what are the details of those representations and when was each of them forwarded to Kelkar Committee for consideration;

(c) whether it is a fact that all those drugs are having annual sales turn over of more than Rs. 50 lakhs during 1986;